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O. HENRY'S PRISON LIFE

The charge that Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, who has written a biography of William Sidney Porter, treated this famous American fiction-writer in a cold-blooded manner, will not bear inspection. Dr. Smith's reference to this chapter in O. Henry's life is most sympathetic, and the reader is left in doubt as to whether the most popular of recent authors was ill-used by the law. Porter was a clerk in a bank at Austin, Tex., and was charged with appropriating to his own use several hundred dollars at two different times. The foremen of the grand jury and the petit jury, which convicted him, say that had they known all the circumstances, they never would have voted to convict. Testimonials of O. Henry's high character were obtained from other sources, including the warden of the Ohio state prison, the physician and others.

O. Henry's whole life was a refutation of the charge of theft and, though money trickled through his fingers like sand through a sieve, he was never accused of dishonesty before or since. The bank was loosely managed and afterwards went broke, many patrons saying that no records were kept of many transactions.

O. Henry obtained in prison the characters of his western stories. He liked the cowboy and outlaw prisoners, including Al Jennings, and wrote many articles at night. "The Gentle Gaffer" series were produced while in prison.

The family of this man is distressed of course, but they must realize that genius must be placed under the light of publicity and that most men and women, not being perfect themselves, will appreciate all the more this North Carolinian who, believing himself the victim of circumstances, retained a sweet disposition and a hopeful outlook on life during the rest of his days.

MR. HUGHES SPEAKS OUT

Mr. Hughes was a long time about saying what he meant by the maintenance of American rights on land and sea, but he has said what he meant in no uncertain terms and there should be no doubt in the minds of American voters that he will keep his pledge. He stands with Mr. Wilson on the proposition, and the only difference between them is that he and his supporters claim that the president talks much, writes many notes and fails to act.

The Republican candidate will alienate some of his supporters who fancied he would use this government to assist foreign governments in the unlawful conduct of war on the sea, but he will gain support from that pro-ally crowd who feel that President Wilson has not done enough. Mr. Hughes is bound to gain as much as he has lost, because the enemies of the president already have committed themselves and they will not care to eat crow.

We are glad Mr. Hughes has spoken. Coming right after the destruction of a number of American lives on a British steamer, it will have a salutary effect on the country. It will show that we might differ in smaller questions, but on the question of Americanism, there can be no division where our presidents are concerned.

The Record enjoyed a visit yesterday from an old friend, one A. L. Stockton of the Greensboro News, incidentally the best all-round newspaper man in the state, and incidentally again, he was so slick and prosperous looking that we thought he was a candidate for presidential elector or an agent of Colliers or something. Come again, Stock.

We don't know anything about the Marina case, but we can rest satisfied that the American government will find the facts. As to what course will be followed, we have no way of knowing unless the president should make good his word not to write any more notes.

Some days the muse will sing and others she simply gets off and refuses.

OMITTED THE GOOD

Dr. Blair made an entertaining address the other night, but he failed to mention some of the many acts of legislation passed under the direction of the president. Mr. Settle, we believe, admitted that practically all the planks of the Populist party have been absorbed, that some Republican promises were kept by the Democrats and that the Progressive platform was drawn on heavily.

The federal reserve act and the farm loan act are two pieces of legislation that entitle the Democrats to everlasting praise, and it is hard to believe that the American people, knowing the facts, would want to repudiate them. We have thought the president has made mistakes, but we recall that other presidents have erred, that Mr. Taft was a much-abused man and that other chief executives, including Washington and Lincoln, suffered much abuse.

It seems to be the fashion, however, to pick out a few seeming inconsistencies, magnify them and pass over as unworthy of mention the great constructive measures of the administration.

And we have never flattered ourselves that what way say and do will change the result in the county, state and nation. That's one reason why we haven't taken everything so seriously in this grand old county—may it be a long time before politics waves again here.

Mr. Frank Allen came near being run down by an automobile the other night, and he received a fright that made him want to use a shotgun. One of these days or nights somebody will be mangled by a fast-running automobile.

There are 100 counties in the state, and only a few elect their school boards, so the Democratic "ringsters" must have it in for quite a few counties, Mr. Settle will think when he learns the facts.

Wilson or Hughes or Hanly, the Record expects to stand by him in upholding American rights.

Judging by the way the Russians have treated the Jews and the Germans have treated the Belgians, these two countries ought to be about evenly matched when it comes to "disciplining" prisoners of war.

Orangeburg, S. C., has formed a creamery company. Thus the good that Catawba county farmers did in establishing the big creamery here not only lives after them, but travels a considerable distance.

We have seen some pretty warm political fights in our time—in South Carolina and Wake county, N. C., for example—but we have never seen more downright seriousness than can be observed here any day.

As a laugh-provoker, who is better than Hon. Thomas Settle?

SHAKESPEARE'S ESCAPE

Here my harties, what's the row, Why this queered old dancing now, And such costumes? Well, I'll vow This is strange!

What! You say it's all for me— All this dancing, all this glee, I who've been for centuries three In my grave?

That they're here to celebrate, My old plays commemorate, And my poor writ verse to stand— You can't mean!

Yet on this side 'tis "So Great," And on this—just here they prate How I worked both long and late— All for fame!

Frances Gettner, 16, A. P. in St. Mary's Muse.

FIRE CHIEFS TO MEET AT ROCKY MOUNT SOON

(By Associated Press.) Rocky Mount, Nov. 1.—Plans for a business meeting here this month of the chiefs of fire departments of the larger cities of the state are under way, according to an announcement by D. D. Daughtridge, chief of the local department. The date for the meeting will be selected this week.

Chief Daughtridge plans to make the demonstration and test of Rocky Mount's new motor triple unit combination hose, chemical and pumper a feature if the equipment is delivered before the meeting. The visitors also will inspect the new central fire station just turned over to the department.

New Goods.

Pure Sap Maple Syrup.
Pan Cake Syrup.
Lyte's Golden Drip Syrup. A pure sugar syrup. Thick like honey.
Karo Red Blue Lobet.
"Aunt Dinnah" a black molasses.
"Velva" a pure corn syrup. Old fashioned.
Try Ferndale salfie rising Buckwheat flour.

Whitener & Martin,

"Sell For Less Profit."

OWING TO THE ENORMOUS INCREASE

in the prices on all ingredients, used in the Baking of Bread, Cakes and Pies, I will have to increase the price on bread to six per loaf, rolls and cakes to 12c per dozen. Best grades of flour have advanced 75 per cent since July 1.

Patronize home industry and watch us grow when we get into the new building built especially for my use on 9th Ave., with improved oven and machinery and a perfect sanitary place.

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WEST BOUND				EAST BOUND				
21	11	15	35		36	12	16	27
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				NEW YORK	6:00	1:40	4:45	
				W. PHILADELPHIA, Pa.	6:30	1:12	2:16	
				BALTIMORE, Md.	7:14	1:06	1:32	
				WASHINGTON (ET)	11:30	7:45	10:40	
				SALISBURY	11:26	7:40	11:59	2:15
				BARBER	11:00	7:15	11:20	1:40
				Elwood	10:55	7:10	1:30	1:45
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				Catawba	6:26			1:05
				Claremont	10:05	6:15	10:15	1:00
				NORTHTON	6:07			12:40
				Conover	9:46	6:06	10:04	12:25
				Hydrex	6:02	9:30	12:12	22
				Midway				12:16
				HICKORY	9:33	6:34	11:45	
				Connelly Springs	9:38	6:38	11:45	
				Drexel	9:10	6:20	10:30	11:45
				Marion	8:57	6:00	11:11	11:22
				Calvin	8:47	5:56	10:51	11:11
				Glen Alpine	8:38	5:45	10:51	11:04
				Bridgewater				
				Neha				
				C. & O. Crossing				
				MARION	8:58	8:24	10:50	
				Glenfield	8:50	8:16	10:45	
				Old Fort	7:05	3:50	8:00	10:06
				Ridgescr	7:30	3:27	7:38	9:47
				Black Mountain	7:10	3:05	7:10	9:30
				Swannanoa	7:10	3:05	7:10	9:40
				Azalea	2:54	7:10		
				BIRCHMERE	6:48	2:40	7:00	9:10
				ASHEVILLE (ET)	6:38	2:35	6:52	9:00